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Dear Parties,

I do not believe that it is right for the United States Government to punish successful entrepreneurs such as Bill Gate and his Microsoft Company simply because they beat the competition in a fair market. Microsoft is simply more successful because it makes better products, and integrates them effortlessly for the user. If Netscape wanted to compete with Microsoft, they should have created their own operating system. Nothing prevented them from doing so. To punish Microsoft simply because they created a successful operating system is wrong, and to impose a sanction that limits the programs that Microsoft can develop as a conglomerate is unconstitutional. If Microsoft wants to give Internet Explorer away with its operating system, it has every right to do so. If another Software company wants to do the same, then may the best products prevail. The bottom line is it is not the U.S. Government's place to determine what is in the best interest of the consumer, that right belongs to the consumer. Microsoft has not forced anyone to use their products; people buy them because they like them. Consumers are the ultimate deciding factor which determines the success or failure of a business. Microsoft's success is a direct result of consumer support. Any action taken against Microsoft is an assault on the freedoms and rights of individuals to be successful and pursue their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Such an action can only be seen as insult to what America has always stood for, freedom.

Sincerely,
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